

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5 A system, method and article of manufacture utilize word chunks to enhance word
prediction. At least one of selectable words and word chunks are displayed in response to
receipt of an input character. Thereafter, a selection of a displayed word or word chunk is
received, and in response to receiving selection of a displayed word chunk, selectable
words including the selected word chunk are displayed. A word chunk includes a word
10 portion used in the formation of other words and includes a predetermined identifier,
identifying it as a word chunk. Thus, the combination of chunking of parts of agglutinated
words in combination with letter input activations reduces the overall number of input
activations to complete a word, and further reduces the amount of choices to select from at
any point during retrieval of the word. Accordingly, for such agglutinating languages such
as German, for example, word chunks can be used to speed up word prediction and thereby
15 eliminate unnecessary, time consuming, and sometimes difficult inputting of many
individual characters.